

Emotional health forum to be held

The forum, "Evening of conversation" is at 7 p.m. tonight at the Wesley Center, with featured speaker Jerry Wilmes. The event is free and open to the public.

Activities Office holds involvement fair

The Campus Activities Office will hold a fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union, to learn more about ways to get involved.

Forum open to public, students

A forum discussing effective communication will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 in Meeting Room D in J.W. Jones Student Union. There will be a 30-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute discussion.

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For the arborescence's wish list visit NWmissouri.edu/arborescence.

THE UNIVERSITY PUT up caution tape after the ice storm to block dangerous areas where limbs were falling due to the weight of the ice. The mature trees were most susceptible to breaking.



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Campus, community clean up debris from December's ice storm

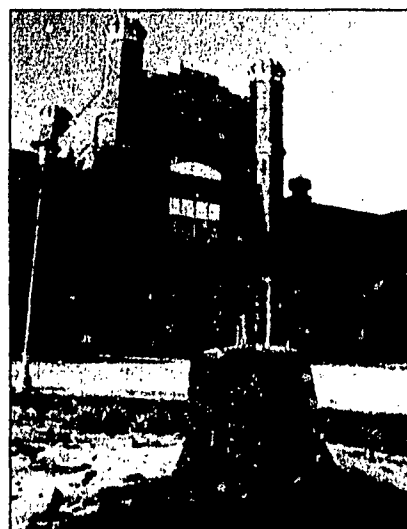


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(left) SEVENTY-NINE TREES were damaged beyond repair during the Dec. 10 ice storm. The University would like to plant approximately 79 new trees to replace those lost in the storm. Stump removal will begin in February. (below) THE WEIGHT OF the ice was too much for the small grove of pines on the north end of Bearcat Stadium next to the Horace Mann playground.



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Volunteers needed for restoration efforts

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

When students left campus for winter break, it was an icy winter wonderland.

When they returned, the scene had changed with many trees pruned and several gone.

The Dec. 10 ice storm left over 500 trees damaged, 79 of those having to be completely removed.

There are usually around 1,300 trees on the Northwest campus, which is home to the Missouri State Arboretum, Landscape Service Director Leslee Johnson said. There are always trees being removed and planted. The storm did not cause complete loss to any of the several species on campus, she said.

Trees are sometimes lost to disease, construction and vandalism, but during her time here Johnson has never seen anything like the ice storm's magnitude.

"In my experience, nothing on this scale has ever happened," Johnson said.

Approximately, 30 trees are removed and planted each year, she said.

There is insurance coverage after a \$50,000 deductible, but it isn't certain how much will be covered after that, Johnson said. Also, applications will be sent in for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Management Agency money to help cover the cost of cleanup.

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FIFTY-THOUSAND CUBIC YARDS of debris covered Maryville and Maryville parks after Dec. 10 ice storm. The storm left Maryville residents without power, some up to seven days, and major damage to homes, roadways and various community structures.

Damage repairs still necessary

By Kenny Larabee
Chief Reporter

Gritty piles of snow remain along the roadside. Piles of tree branches loiter on Maryville's front yards. And the thump-thump of cars crashing through pot holes serve as a reminder of the destructive ice storm that swept through Maryville and the Midwest this past December.

Although winter still holds the city in

an icy grip, the layer of ice that once coated Maryville is gone, just part of an extensive cleanup that continues still.

An estimated 50,000 cubic yards of debris remains in Maryville and its parks. But the city pulled together to help with the cleanup, Matt LeClerf, Maryville city manager said.

"Really, it's the employees and the hard work that they've put towards it. It all started

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ROOM, BOARD INCREASES

Costs of on-campus living to rise with University expenses

By Micheal Clements
Chief Reporter

Living on campus will cost students more when classes begin next fall.

Fees for traditional double occupancy rooms will increase by more than \$75 starting next fall to compensate for rising University expenses and students living in Hudson and Perrin will pay over \$200 more than this trimester.

Fees are rising because expenses for the University have risen due to things such as the minimum wage increase, said Director of Auxiliary Services Mark Hetzler said.

"It's not about increasing it so we can make more money," Hetzler said. "If you're not worried about profit on the bottom line, the only other piece that drive cost is expense which is pretty much the situation we find ourselves in."

Inflation of food items also push the prices up not only for room and board, but meal plans as

well. Ray Courter, vice president for finance and Support Services, said every dollar has its place.

"We really do try to make these decisions based on research and common sense to make sure we provide the services that people want," Courter said. "We're not trying to inflate our prices, we are just trying to be fair."

Freshman Becka Poteet said she would rather live off campus than in the dorms.

"If I didn't have to live on campus my first year, I wouldn't have had to get a student loan," Poteet said. "I have a place where I could live off campus and I could pay for an apartment right now."

The increase on Hudson and Perrin is due to the demand and overall appeal of the buildings.

"We know we have a lot of demand for that facility. We felt like the market could bare a little bit more there for multiple reasons," Hetzler said.

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LOCAL CRIME

Preliminary hearings set for February in Mandarin murder

Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

A man accused of shooting and killing a co-worker on Dec. 3 returns to court Feb. 8 for his preliminary hearing.

Jorge Saavedra Perez, of Maryville, is charged with second-degree of Jaime Alejandro Zamudio-Hernandez, also known as, Alex, 29, of Maryville.

Both men worked as cooks at the Mandarin Restaurant at 964 S. Main St.

An argument between the two men the evening of Dec. 3 led to Perez shooting Zamudio-Hernandez in the left shoulder, Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said.

Perez fled the scene. Zamudio-Hernandez was taken to St. Francis Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



file photo

Found in Winona, Minn., Perez was brought back to Maryville after going through the Winona County Court system.

"The preliminary hearing is just a pre-trial hearing for the judge to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to require the defendant to stand trial," Nodaway Prosecuting Attorney David Baird said.

"It's purpose is basically to ensure that before you get to a jury trial, and before you see a jury, that the court has

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CAMPUS RALLY

University groups respond to events

By Kenny Larabee
Chief Reporter

A series of incidents dating back to last Halloween prompted the Alliance of Black Collegians (ABC) and the Intercultural International Center (IIC) to schedule a rally to address some controversial issues.

Ignorance is not an Excuse, Racism is Not a Joke, an Intercultural Rally will be held at 3:45 p.m. today at the Bell Tower. From there, the rally will move to Charles Johnson Theatre, where students and faculty, including Northwest President Dean Hubbard, will give speeches regarding racism and ignorance.

According to ABC President Brent Rice, no one incident is to blame for his organization's response. Last fall's incidents led to some racially charged remarks that offended members of Maryville University and community alike, Rice said.

"This rally came about to make

that (the events) known out in the open and start a change to eradicating ignorance and racism," Rice said. "A lot of people, they may be unaware that what they say is racially oriented and so it kind of brings out, 'watch what you say'."

Three events especially stood out.

Two African-American males were listed as suspects after shots were fired outside the Station homecoming weekend. This led to a campus lockdown.

A murder at the Mandarin restaurant in December involved members of the Hispanic community.

Members of Northwest's Greek community dressed themselves up as African-Americans at separate Halloween parties, one as the alleged shooter in the homecoming incident, and one as former Atlanta Falcon quarterback Michael Vick.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Faculty art exhibit

Art Department faculty have some of their work displayed in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building now through Feb. 1.

They will talk about their work during a lecture and reception at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28 in room 214 in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building. The gallery is open 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, 1:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, through Saturday, and 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information, contact the Art Department at 562-1326.

Legislative interns selected for spring

Three students will work as interns in the state capital during the spring semester.

Senior Jeff Swan, sophomore Curtis Rogers and junior Dane Hart submitted applications and were chosen by the History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science Department.

Interns work in a representative or senator's office to assist lawmakers, track press coverage, assist constituents, attend hearings and work sessions and network with government service professionals.

Student forum to be held regarding ice storm damage

Students are invited to attend a forum about the ice storm tree damage from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Tower View Room in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

President Dean Hubbard will speak about the damage and Landscape Services Director Lezlee Johnson will speak about the damage, efforts to save damaged trees and the replanting plans.

Surplus auction set

A surplus auction at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 29 at the Materials Distribution Center on campus.

Items can be inspected from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28. For more information, contact Angie Wolters in the Purchasing Department at 562-1178.

BEARCAT MARCHING BAND

Bearcat beats hit the streets of London

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

Across the ocean, the sound of Big Ben chiming, the crowd cheering and the tapping of the drums set the scene.

The Northwest Bearcat Marching Band, Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble made their debut appearances in London. This was the first out of country experience for all three bands.

They flew out of Kansas City International Airport on Dec. 28, and arrived in London the next day. They were in London until Jan. 4.

Playing in London is an experience that is not offered to many bands. The BMB was extended an invitation to play in London about a year and a half ago, and was picked through a nomination process. Paula Crider, music director for the London Parade Festival, nominated the band, Assistant Professor and Band Director Carl A. Kling said. Crider and Kling met each other through the University of Texas, and have kept tabs on each other's bands and what they were doing.

Not only did the BMB have the opportunity to play in the Festival, both the Jazz Ensemble and the Wind Symphony took part and played at The New Year's Day Gala in St. John's Square.

"They first invited just the Bearcat Marching Band and while that is an important part of what we do, the bands area is much more than the marching band," Kling said. "And if we were going to take a trip this big, that long, we wanted to share more of what we do at Northwest. So we got the idea of utilizing the Jazz Ensemble and Wind Symphony and they were more than gracious to accept."

The BMB was the only American college or university band to perform in London. The other bands that participated in the London Parade Festival were high school bands from the United States. Not only did BMB get the honor of being the only college band to play, they were also the featured band, which kicked off the parade.

"Being there at the start of the parade, having Big Ben chime right before you are gonna step off for the parade, and calling the band to attention, the hearing the 'Go Cats'...it was such a good showing and performance of what it means to be a Bearcat, the pride and the excitement," Drum Major Kyle Dreeson said.

The BMB didn't change much of their practice times or do anything special for the trip to London. They stuck to their normal practice times and traditional songs they played, Kling said.



THE BEARCAT MARCHING visited London over winter break to be the featured band in the London Parade Festival. The band also participated in the New Year's Day Gala in St. John's Square.

Bearcat Band Itinerary

■ Dec. 30, New Year's Gala Concerts - St. John's, Smith Square (Home of the London Chamber Orchestra) Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble

■ Jan. 1, New Year's Day Parade in London, noon Bearcat Marching Band

■ Jan. 1, New Year's Eve Royal Horse Guards Hotel for the International Association of Red Hat Ladies, Jazz Ensemble

The experiences the bands had during their overseas performances were positive for the band to consider returning.

"We have been invited back, and if we do make the decision to do something like that again, it would probably be with a totally different generation of students," Kling said.

Not only did the band get to participate, they also

chose to tour the British Museum and the London Eye, some chose to visit family friends.

Amanda Baker and her family all traveled over together, the free day they had was spent visiting family friends, Baker said.

Leaving London, Kling wanted the students to leave London with the feeling of accomplishment.

"I wanted (the students) to enjoy the trip, but also have the opportunity to share something that we pride ourselves on, with a totally new audience," Kling said. "And to rekindle or reacquire ourselves with what it is like to experience something for the first time."

Everybody had envisioned what the trip would be like and in the end everybody took something different back.

"I think it was the trip everyone hoped for," Dreeson said.

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COMMUNITY

POLLS FOR NEVADA PRIMARY

HILLARY CLINTON - DEMOCRAT - 34%

Clinton spent the last week sparring with Barack Obama over whether or not she should run for civil rights, she championed attacking expensive private health care, ending U.S. involvement in Iraq and strengthening America's middle class through cheaper health care and lower taxes.

BARACK OBAMA - DEMOCRAT - 26%

Obama has campaigned on a platform of bridging America's partisan gap between the two dominant parties, and received a shot in the arm from Oprah Winfrey's public voice of confidence. He supports revamping America's economy, simplifying the tax code, pushing for alternative energy development, demanding both more accountability and more funding for public schools.

JOHN EDWARDS - DEMOCRAT - 9%

Edwards skipped Tuesday's Michigan primary to debate the fellow Democrats on MSNBC from Nevada. Edwards' focus on taking away the influence of private health care lobbyists and empowering the middle class propelled him past Hillary Clinton to a third-place finish in the Iowa Caucuses.

RUDY GIULIANI - REPUBLICAN - 25%

Democrats have attacked Giuliani for touting his leadership post-9/11, since his campaign began. Giuliani's platform promises a fight for lower taxes and like some Democrats, a simpler tax code. It also suggests a forced border, increased training for border guards and an inseparable tie between immigration, controlled, and homeland security. Unlike the Democrats, Giuliani will not suggest an official timetable for withdrawal from Iraq.

MITT ROMNEY - REPUBLICAN - 20%

Romney's campaign focused on international politics. Romney has come across as wary of Iran's intentions, winning the support of moderate Muslims in the "War on Terror" and Islamic extremism and taking a stand against what he perceives as untrustworthy Latin American dictators, such as Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez.

MIKE HUCKABEE - REPUBLICAN - 17%

Huckabee takes a pro-life, anti-amnesty stand toward securing America's borders. He also supports securing funding for veterans' health care and "preventive" health care over running cures for chronic diseases. Huckabee's campaign Web site declares to voters, "My faith doesn't influence my decisions. It drives them."

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NEW RESTAURANT

Napoli's hopes to break curse

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

Many businesses have fallen victim to the building at 2805 S. Main. However, Napoli's Italian Restaurant is looking to break the curse.

Signs have been posted at the site of the former Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant, indicating a new restaurant will be opening soon.

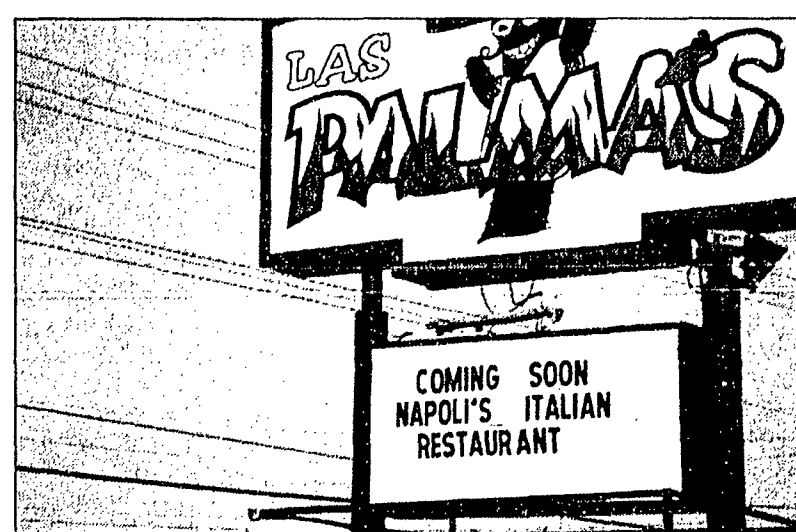
The restaurant plans to open doors within the next few weeks, if all goes according to plan and inspections are passed. Napoli's will move into the building previously planned for a steakhouse.

The restaurant located between La Bonita and the Comfort Inn will try to break the streak of bad luck by opening a restaurant that is unlike any other offered in Maryville, a full Italian theme.

In the past, the building has been home to different restaurants such as Country Oak, Country Kitchen, Bredeaux Pizza, Julio's and Las Palmas. A Mom and Pop store and a steakhouse were proposed to open, but neither business materialized, owner and general manager of Super 8 and Comfort Inn Chuck Hetrick said.

"We need it (the restaurant or another business) to be open, it would be a compliment to mine (business)," Hetrick said.

New businesses or growing businesses starting up in the Maryville community have to speak to the Small Business Development Center. One of the men they speak to is the Director of the Small Business Development Center Frank



NAPOLI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT is the latest business to advertise an opening at the restaurant building next to the Comfort Inn. Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant occupied the building a year ago, but only lasted six months.

Veeman.

Veeman's job is to inform the prospecting business about the demographic of Maryville and surrounding areas.

With La Bonita holding firm to Mexican food fans, putting two similar restaurants next to the long time Maryville business made it hard to survive. Both Julio's and Las Palmas did not last over a year, operating next door.

When taking Maryville into account for a new business, the college community as well as the town comes into play.

"Restaurants are a tough business, it really is," Veeman said. "Maryville is so different, and that's what a lot of people don't understand. We have a significant college population."

The owner, Besiano Antonetti, is excited to open a restaurant in Maryville. There are seven already established Napoli's Italian Restaurants located in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Missouri. The Maryville site will be the eighth restaurant of the chain to open. Antonetti and his cousin have run the restaurants for nearly 15 years.

Antonetti decided to open the restaurant in Maryville, because he saw the potential of the college community as well as the Maryville community impacting business.

"We saw the town needed something, we like college towns because there will always be business," Antonetti said.

In the true Italian style, the restaurant plans to serve a variety of soups, pastas and salads.

NEW BUSINESS

Walgreens mum on talks of Maryville store

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

National drug store chain Walgreens may or may not be coming to Maryville.

"It was rumored in October that Walgreens was expanding to Maryville at the vacant lot on South Main Street once occupied by a Finish Line gas station, but location talks have shifted to the Uptown Car Wash and Northwest Missouri Cellular."

"There has been discussions with Walgreens about that project," said Mark Burnside, who owns the property at 1114 S. Main St.

However, Walgreens Corporate Spokeswoman Carol Hively said

there are still no plans for the company in Maryville or Nodaway County.

"It would really be premature to say that we're opening a store there," Hively said. "We're constantly looking at new locations, but there is absolutely nothing in the works, no contracts, no lease, no purchase."

Walgreens currently has two stores in St. Joseph and 42 stores in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Adding a Walgreens to Maryville adds competition to smaller local businesses such as Carter's Pharmacy and Dollar General, which has two Maryville locations.

Carter's Pharmacy owner Rick Carter declined to comment, but Dollar General spokeswoman Pawn Ernest said Dollar General stores

can still compete.

"Our stores continue to strive where there are competitors," Ernest said. "I think our stores will continue to service the community."

The addition of Walgreens to Maryville will create a number of new jobs.

In 2007, Walgreens had an employee count around 226,000 and opened 62 new stores, according to statistics on the company's Web site.

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OUR VIEW

Volunteer or donate; help out the arboretum

Even after a devastating ice storm, Northwest is still known for its trees.

Before Dec. 10, the Northwest campus had approximately 1,300 trees representing 125 different species.

The early December ice storm damaged about 40 percent of those trees. Of the approximately 500 trees damaged, 79 will have to be removed.

In 1993 the Missouri State Legislature named Northwest the Missouri State Arboretum. Typically the University removes about 30 trees a year, according to Landscape Service Director Leslee Johnson.

Applications are pending for further financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Management Agency.

If these trees are not replaced, the University would look substantially different. The Northwest Missourian encourages anyone who can to either volunteer their help, or donate money to help replace the trees that were lost.

Students or campus organizations that are interested in helping with cleanup on campus should contact the Volunteers Programs, Service Learning and Civic Engagement Office at 562-1954.

University and community members can also sponsor a new tree for \$300 or adopt an existing tree for \$150. Those interested can contact Johnson at 562-1473 or visit the Web site at Nwmissourian.edu/arboretum.

Have opinions? Want them heard?

The Northwest Missourian opinion page is looking for students and community members interested in being guest columnists or editorial writers for the spring trimester.

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MY VIEW

Don't be that voter ... research federal, local elections before you decide

The recent Democratic and Republican debates signal a nearing of the upcoming 2008 presidential elections. With this comes the issue of voting, and the necessity in understanding the effects few people really think about.

Lately there has been a campaign to increase the voter turnout, which is especially targeted toward young citizens. Personally, I think this is great. But if you're not interested in what you are voting for, or even care about the consequences of the vote you may cast, then please don't vote.

What is more alarming than the average voter turnout is the amount of people who do not research who they are voting



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

for, or what causes they are standing for when entering the polls. This is ridiculous. I'd rather the majority of the population not participate in the elections than participate in a negative fashion.

So if you don't want to vote, don't vote. But understand that voting is a way to have your opinions heard. By this, I'm referring to the opinion that there is no strong difference between Republican and Democratic presidential candidates. Some would argue that candidates are becoming more centralized to encompass a greater majority of the population. Voting is a way to tell the

parties what you are, or are not looking for, so that way if they lose, they can find someone a little better the next time. Also, if you choose not to vote, then realize that you have no room to complain about the way things are going.

Next, on to state elections vs. federal elections. Which is more important? Obviously, there is a greater amount of coverage for the U.S. Congressional elections as well as the presidential elections.

What are often overlooked are the state elections, and most people don't even bother to think about voting for their state representatives and senators. I believe that people can have a profound effect starting locally, and then make a federal impact.

It is easier to influence the outcome of the political spectrum locally. For example, I will have a stronger voice when address-

ing my mayor or city councilmen, and as the chain of command increases outward to the states' Congress, on to the U.S. Congress the voice becomes harder to hear.

I will have more authority when addressing my local representatives than the President of the United States. Also, local congressmen will listen more attentively to you than the president. Why is this?

A newly elected president is more prone to listen to who is funding his or her campaign. In most cases, average citizens like me do not fund campaigns. Without a properly funded presidential campaign, there is no campaign. However, local campaigning does not require an extravagant amount of funds.

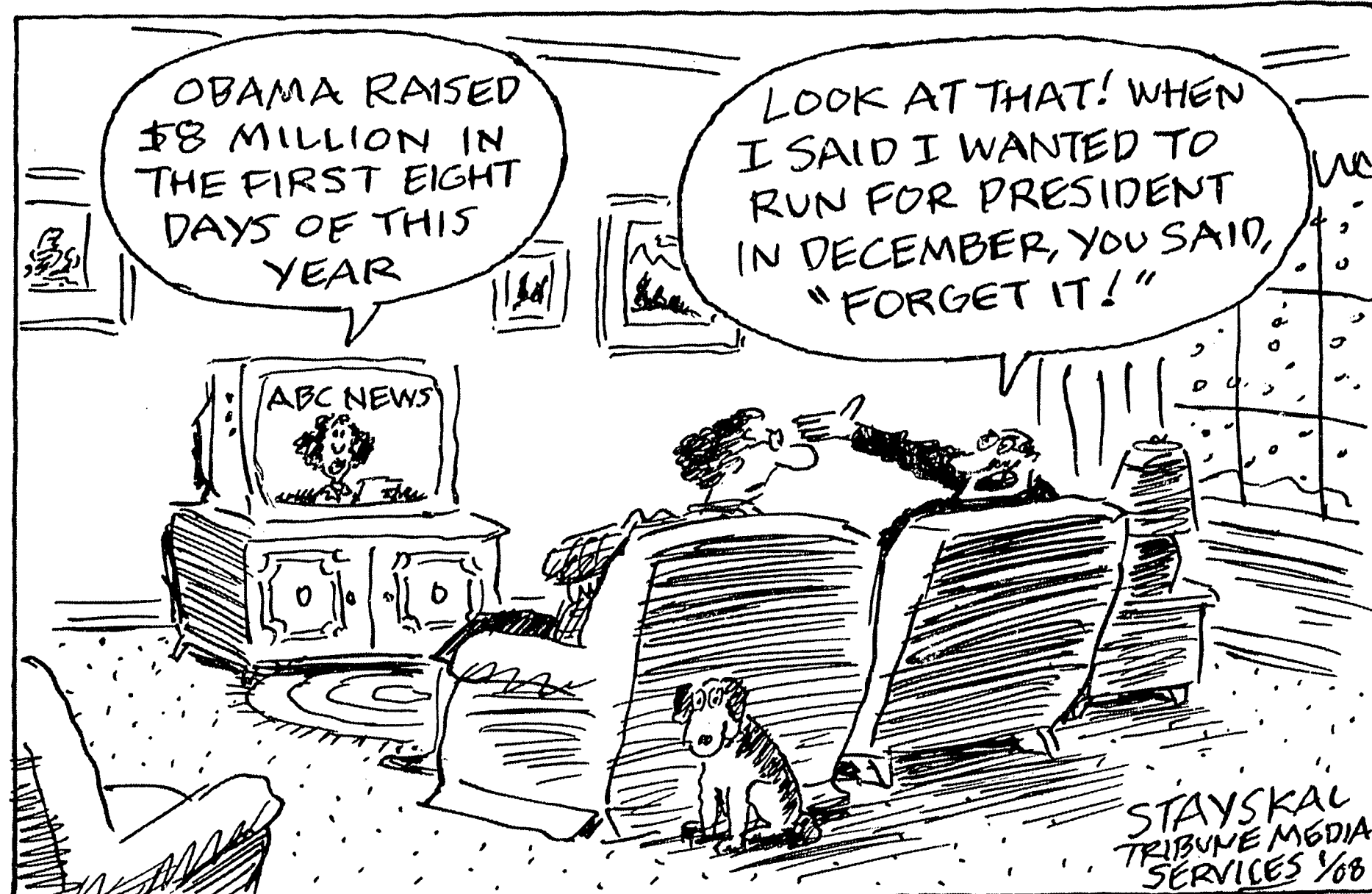
Instead of using TV ads, most local representatives and senators lean more on

word of mouth as well as their reputation within the community. I don't go to church with President Bush, nor do I do business with him. I only know what I know about him through the media. I am much more connected to my state representatives and senators by business, family, friends, religion, etc.

So if you feel that your vote doesn't count when it comes to federal elections, know that you can still participate and have a greater effect when voting for local and state politicians.

For those of you who are planning to vote in any election, make sure you research the issues and people running for office, including what they stand for.

Also, keep this in mind: "The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all." - John F. Kennedy.



MY VIEW

Have you met them? 5 people you meet the first day of class

"Syllabus Week" is upon us. For most of us, this means picking up our text-books, breaking in the brand new notebooks and playing that awkward game of musical chairs in our new classes in order to solidify our spots for the whole trimester. Students of all majors and class schedules encounter the same five people on that first day of class, and here they are:



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger
Contributing Columnists

to borrow your notes before every test.

The Stressed: This one is easy to spot. Usually a girl, she is actively involved in at least three campus organizations and her resume is engraved in solid gold. She is a prime candidate for just about any internship and she's on track to graduate a trimester early. She is also a panic attack waiting to happen, just wait for the first exam! She hassles the

teacher about every last point available on daily quizzes, and loses her mind before, during and immediately after every test. If you happen to take better notes than she does or earn a higher grade on a test, don't be surprised if she shows up at your house with a gallon of coffee and the study guide ... you are her new best friend, consider yourself warned.

The Soapbox: There are usually two or three of these in every class, and they could very well be named Sarah York and Jeff Kanger. They are vocal, opinionated and teachers usually like them. Because of this, they often receive glares from other students who disagree with them but are too introverted to say anything. Thankfully, the Soapboxes are unaware of their classmates' dirty looks because they are happily sitting in the front row.

The Hopeless Romantic: This guy walks in fashionably late for one reason and one reason only ... he was making out with his girlfriend in the hallway.

He and his girlfriend have identical class times in order to avoid the anguish of being apart for longer than absolutely necessary. Between classes, they can be found cuddling on a bench in the hallway and telling each other what they had for breakfast that morning. How do they keep from imploding during class when they aren't together? Glad you asked ... the object of this guy's affection is the last one on our list.

The Text Message Queen: Do everything in your power to avoid sitting by this girl in class, unless the sound of a vibrating phone really helps you concentrate. Much like the Rebel, she is not the least bit concerned about the lecture, but is instead occupied with sending "no I love YOU more teches!" at least a 100 times over the course of a 50 minute class.

There you have it, folks. Now enjoy this first week because after this, it's all tests and beloved group projects for the next four months.

MANDARIN: Argument in kitchen sparked incident

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made some preliminary determination that both the defendant had something to do with this crime and that crime occurred."

Perez is being held at the Nodaway County Jail, bail is set at \$250,000. He is represented by Lawrence Kinnaman, Jr. out of St. Joseph.

Zamudio-Hernandez's murder was Maryville's second in a span of three weeks.

Donald Ray Gardner, Jr., 46, of Maryville, was found dead in an open lot near the corner of Mattie and Jenkins streets in Maryville.

Maryville Public Safety arrested two men, Erik Romig, 26, and Nicholas Rosencrans, 21, both of Maryville. They are charged with second-degree murder.

"It's a little bit troubling from a community perspective," Wood said. "These are both, just simply, random acts and spontaneous acts on top of that."

Wood remains confident the Maryville community is safe.

"I still think it's a very safe community," Wood said. "I'm frustrated that these two incidences have occurred at all, especially this close together."

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ROOM: Costs to increase

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Those reasons include the optional room configurations in Hudson and Perrin that the high rises don't offer however, students in the high rises buying a loft will pay about the same as those in Hudson and Perrin, Hetzel said.

Northwest student Justin Hicks lives off campus because the cost of living on campus is high.

"It cost too much and I have lots of other bills," Hicks said.

The University must project enrollment for the next year to help determine the fees early because of the demand of knowing the prices.

"They're applying earlier and earlier anymore and they want to know what the cost is going to be to attend next year. They're wanting to know what housing and tuition is because they are probably going to compare that with some other school they are also looking at," Hetzel said.

The University looks at other institutions around to see what they are charging. Northwest tries to be

the medium for tuition and room and board in the area, Hetzel said.

Some repairs will be made to the residence halls over the summer and the rise of fees contributes to repairs made to the residence halls.

"We will continue focus on the high rises," Hetzel said.

Students living in the Forrest Village apartments next year will not be affected by the increase since the University feels the apartments are similar to those found off campus and offer things that some off-campus apartments do not, such as washers and dryers, Hetzel said.

University officials expect enrollment and the number of students living on campus to rise next year.

"I don't think that it's going to keep people from coming," Hetzel said. "Because we are kind of in the middle, I think we have an advantage because we are not on the high end."

If enrollment increases too much the University may use Frankan Hall for incoming students rather than private rooms for upper classmen along with freshman, Hetzel said.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Mayor balances life between family, career

By Michael Clements
Chief Reporter

A man walks into city hall escaping the cold with his young daughter in tow; however, he's not an ordinary citizen coming to complain about the neighbor's dogs or taxes. He's simply just the mayor.

City Clerk Sheila Small describes Maryville Mayor Chad Jackson as a family man who's great to work with.

"He's dedicated to everything he gets involved in," Small said.

The 32-year old mayor also works at Saint Francis Hospital and Health services as a physical therapist and enjoys spending time with his family. Working with people one on one and watching them achieve their goals are the best parts of the job, Jackson said.

"It takes a lot of time, and sometimes a lot of energy and time away from family. My wife is very supportive, as long as I can bring them," Jackson said. "It's sometimes hard to juggle between a full-time job, being on the council, playing the mayor role and being a dad and a husband. I have to keep that as a priority."

The best part of being the mayor of Maryville and on the City Council is giving back to the community, Jackson said.

"Help to make decisions with other people and try to be proactive in both the decisions we make and establish a good foundation for our children and our future," Jackson said.

After moving to Maryville six years ago, Jackson wanted to get involved in the community. Jackson served on the Parks and Recreation Board before running for City

Council.

"I had a friend on the Parks Board who was getting off, so I got in her spot and that fall I decided to put my name in the hat for the council and ran on a post."

Jackson is currently serving his fourth year on City Council and his first term as mayor.

"My wife says I like to be busy, and I do. I don't like to sit around," Jackson said. "I think of myself as I like to be involved. I think one of the gifts that maybe God has given me is leadership."

"There's so much to learn about zoning regulations and just the different ordinances that we have and there's stuff that I didn't have a clue about when I got on the council, but you learn that over time."

Maryville's government structure requires the mayor to be decided on and appointed by the City Council, Jackson said.

"As mayor, you're kind of the spokesperson for the community. I really don't have any executive power or anything like that you might in another class of government or another city," Jackson says.

Besides spending time with family, Mayor Jackson enjoys snow skiing, hiking and mission trips to other countries.

"I enjoy golfing and I like taking the kids out to the golf course. Taking them out to just three or four holes and they enjoy riding in the cart," he said.

The mayor has a broad taste in music including country, contemporary, Christian and worship.

"Opera's not bad either. I don't have that on my MP3 player," the mayor said with a laugh. "But some classical is good at times."



MAYOR CHAD JACKSON and his daughter Lorelei sit in the Maryville City Council Chambers. Jackson considers himself a family man. He also has a son and has another child on the way.

Jackson calls himself a faith-based person.

"I pray about all the decisions I make and it's a relationship with Christ and not necessarily just a religion of do's and don'ts," he said.

Current and upcoming city issues include the trails project, a capital improvements tax initiative, the Dream City initiative and waste-water treatment. The wastewater issue may be the largest financial project the city has done, Jackson said.

"We have a water plant out here we did a few years ago and it's only a fraction of the cost of treating the

sewer."

Community involvement in city projects makes the mayor proud. The trails project was a grass roots idea from the community, Jackson said.

Jackson plans on seeking a second term as mayor when his current term expires.

"What excites me more than anything as a council person is the community caring enough about an issue to come to us and say 'they're going to do this,'" Jackson said. "It excites me when people rally around and support a family, community, a neighborhood and Maryville is a special place."

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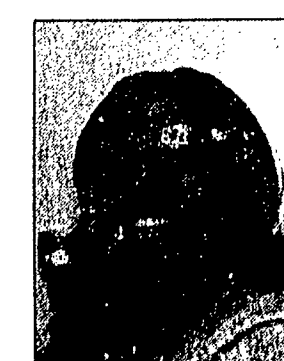
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CAMPUS TALK

What is your New Year's Resolution?



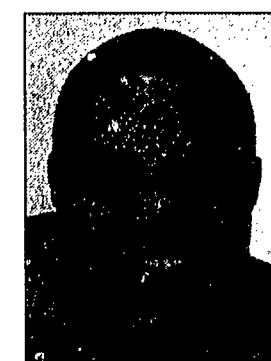
"My New Year's Resolution is to have a closer walk with the Lord."
Cherece Milton
Broadcasting



"To lose about 50 pounds this year and get my mile time under 10 minutes."
Kevin Compton
Corporate Finance



"Eat healthier and stay in shape."
Rachel Ost
History



"My New Year's Resolution is to get money. Two-thousand-seven was a broke year and 2008 is a new year."
LaVester Beard
Accounting



"To better manage my time. Last semester kind of got away from me. Since this is my last semester, I want to spend more time with my friends and God."
Shanon Hill
English



FALLEN TREE LIMBS remain in residents' front yards and in distribution areas around Maryville. City Manager Matt LeCerc said damages could cost around \$1.25 million.

CAMPUS: Volunteers needed for cleanup; tree fund raising underway

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Since the storm there have been many calls asking how to donate a tree to the arboretum, Johnson said.

There are still limbs and other tree debris on the ground. Later volunteers will remove the debris.

There have already groups been who have asked how they can help, she said. Most of the damage was in the heart of campus, Johnson said.

Landscape Services did much of the cleanup with the help from an arborist from Nebraska and some help from the Maintenance Department during winter break. Clean-up involves five phases.

The first phase consisted of clearing the debris so people could walk through campus safely, Johnson said.

The second was assessing the damage and removing hazards. That was completed last Friday, she said.

The third phase will come

in February, when the leftover stumps are removed. The reason for the delay is they are waiting on the ground to completely freeze so there will be minimal damage to the surrounding area. Each stump will be checked by maintenance to make sure there are no utility lines around it, Johnson said.

The fourth phase is clean-up. It will be on-going and start in April. This will consist of grass re-seeding where shade trees that were lost prevented grass from growing under them and it will fix the damage from cleanup vehicles.

Around Arbor Day in April, approximately trees will be planted for those lost. There will be a training session for volunteers who help replant, she said.

The day will be a celebration possibly consisting of some speakers and maybe an appearance by Missouri Governor, Matt Blunt, Student Affairs Vice President Jackie Elliott said.

"What we're envisioning is ... a huge event," Elliott said.

The University Advancement

Office is working on raising funds to replace trees, Elliott said.

After trees are replanted they will be cared for until they are established.

"My staff and students will be watering these trees through the summer until they get established," Johnson said.

The fifth and final phase will consist of a student from the Geography Department taking inventory of the trees and use GPS to update the Arboretum Map.

A forum is scheduled for students from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Tower View Room of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Those in attendance can listen to President Dean Hubbard speak about the storm damage and Johnson talk about the damage, the effort to save trees and the replanting process. There will also be an opportunity to have questions answered, Elliott said.

"We do have a beautiful campus and we know our students are extremely proud of our campus," Elliott said.

COMMUNITY: City thanks volunteers and effort during cleanup

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with the fire department dealing with the fires that were breaking out and then you've got street crews and public safety officers all working together as one unit and it's just a testament to the good quality people that we have here," LeCerc said. "I'm very satisfied with the progress that we've made."

In addition to the work the city has put towards the cleanup, volunteers from the community banded together to pick up tree limbs and debris this past Saturday.

"We got 150 volunteers and this community just keeps going beyond my expectations of what a good community is," LeCerc said and added that another 100 people may have been involved, helping the overall effort out. "I think we cleared at least 85 properties."

The cleanup of the roads and of tree limbs continues, but another area of concern, power, has been completely restored.

Al Butkus, Aquila vice president of communications, said that employees worked around the clock for seven days after the storm hit to restore power. Aquila also brought in workers to assist their employees.

"We brought in outside help, probably 700 people in addition to our own," Butkus said. "It was a great community effort to get people the services they need."

While the cleanup has come a long way, there are still issues to be addressed.

"We definitely have issues though to overcome, potholes that we still have in the street. With the weather the way it is we can't control them, we fill it one week and it's there again

the next," LeCerc said. "Until it thaws out and spring comes we won't be able to adequately address this as quickly as we would like."

Fifteen percent of the cleanup costs will fall on the city, LeCerc said. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will cover 75 percent of the costs and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) will cover the final 10 percent. Total costs for Maryville could fall around \$1.25 million, LeCerc said.

"Ultimately there's been the response effort that involved when the storm first hit, clearing debris from the road, helping individuals that needed it for whatever reason, salting the roads trying to make them passable, setting up the community center in terms of the shelter there," LeCerc said. The general cleanup up, repairing of roadways and personnel costs all figure into the 15 percent of the costs the city is responsible for, LeCerc said.

A meeting with FEMA late Tuesday night went well, Greg Decker, Maryville public works director said.

"It looks like we're headed in the right direction to get some funding from them," Decker said.

Decker explained that FEMA and SEMA would reimburse the city 85 percent of the cleanup costs after the costs have been established. He said he expects the city to have bids in place for cleanup in the next 30 to 45 days.

Funding is a big step to cleaning up Maryville, and FEMA has been a big help, Decker said.

"The FEMA folks are very good to work with and they want to help us out," Decker said.

RALLY: Incidents addressed by ABC

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A statement from the Greek community regarding the latter incident expressed sorrow for the actions of its two members and informed the public that those members, "have been reprimanded for disregarding Interfraternity Council (IFC) and local chapter codes of conduct."

"I'd like to reiterate our stance as a community that we are not in support of the actions of individual members who chose to represent themselves in these manners during Halloween," Director of Student Activities, Angel McAdams Prescott said. "We are very, very serious and very committed to moving forward and growing from this experience."

The two fraternities that the men belong to, Phi Sigma Kappa and Delta Chi, are required to bring a multicultural speaker to Northwest and complete 200 hours of community service. That is not the extent of what the Greek community is doing, McAdams Prescott said.

"What's happening with the individual chapters, that's for those chapters," McAdams Prescott said. "But for the 17 fraternities and sororities that are on our campus ... it doesn't just end with those two organizations."

"We have over 800 fraternity and sorority members on our campus, and as a community we have a loud voice. And this is an opportunity for us to become better educated and better informed and to be able to have a voice for those whose voice might not be as loud."

Rice echoed that sentiment. "I don't want people to just do community service. I don't want people to just invite multicultural speakers and think that will be it," Rice said. "The main thing is there has to be a change in mindset, ignorance has to be eradicated."

Keona Johnson, ABC vice president, wanted to make it clear that the incident involving the Greek community wasn't the only cause for the rally.

"It's not just an African-American issue, because it wasn't just the 'black face' incident," Johnson said. "It can go back to the man who got shot and killed at the Mandarin."

"We're not pointing fingers, we're not trying to make everybody feel like we're just mad about something. But it's just kind of like to bring information, to make it informative, so that everybody knows."

McAdams Prescott said that the Greek community plans to participate in the rally. Everyone on campus and in the community is invited to attend, and Rice said that he hopes the event is a success.

"My hope is that people show up, and not just show up, but actually learn something from this," Rice said.

SPORTS

TRANSFERRING IMPACT



NORTHWEST TRANSFERS AMBER Vandevender (left) and Andrea Dill have helped Northwest to a 4-0 start to the conference season. Dill is averaging 11 points per game, second most on the team, while Vandevender has averaged 31.5 minutes per game during conference action.

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

A fall faded into winter, two transfers tackled two opposite outlooks on the upcoming Northwest women's basketball season.

For senior transfer Andrea Dill, this season promised a new beginning. For junior transfer Amber Vandevender, this season seemed likely to lessen her impact on an established NCAA tournament squad.

But as teams' focus shift to conference season, there's little doubt in Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer's mind how valuable these newcomers have been.

"I feel good about both of these girls," Steinmeyer said. "Without Amber, I don't know where this team would be ... and Dill is such a clutch

player."

Dill and Vandevender's impact helped Northwest grab the top spot in the MIAA conference. The Bears hold a 4-0 conference record, helped by Dill's 11 points per game and Vandevender's relentless defensive attack.

However, their roles on a team featuring five players who started on a NCAA tournament qualifying team a year ago couldn't have been more opposite.

Dill, a 5-11, offensive-minded, outside-shooting forward, entered the season projected to see quality minutes and eventually start. Vandevender, on the other hand, didn't have the same expectation.

During an exhibition game against Illinois State on Nov. 3, Vandevender saw three minutes of action, while Dill started and registered nine points.

"It was really tough at first," Vandevender said. "I played a lot at my JUCO (junior college). When I

came here, I knew I had to just prove myself. I kept working hard every day."

Vandevender transferred from North Central College in Trenton, Mo., where she also played high school basketball. The 5-6 junior, shooting guard, landed on the first team all-state team as a senior at Trenton High School before leading North Central College in scoring her freshman year.

During her sophomore season, Vandevender helped the Lady Pirates to a 30-6 record and a sixth-place finish at the NJCAA National Championship.

"I always wanted to go to Northwest," Vandevender said. "But I knew right out of high school I wouldn't be ready for it. The JUCO helped me a lot. It helped me with fundamentals and the experience was great."

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NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team focusing on future after claiming top conference spot



NORTHWEST FORWARD JESSICA Burton battles Washburn forward Brette Ulaker for a loose ball during the 50-45 win. Check out NWmissourianews.com for pictures and story on Wednesday's game against Missouri Southern.

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The Northwest women's victory against No. 4 Washburn last Saturday was the first time the Bears had beaten a ranked conference opponent since 2004.

The victory not only eradicated Northwest's recent performance against ranked conference opponents, but it also propelled the 'Cats to the top of the MIAA at 4-0. For some teams, that victory would be a season's defining moment, but Northwest women's coach Gene Steinmeyer hopes his team doesn't allow that win to be this year's defining victory.

"The deal is this, if we've left like we've climbed the mountain and now we just have to come down, then that's bad," Steinmeyer said. "If we've left like we've reached our ledge and feel like climbing again, then that's good."

"I can't tell you what kind of attitude they will come out of

Washburn with. Hopefully they still want to climb."

With 14 games left, Northwest is 4-0 in the MIAA and leads Southwest Baptist, Truman State and Washburn by a full game. The 'Cats, even victorious against Washburn and Southwest Baptist.

"It's good right now," Steinmeyer said. "We need to take a deep breath and realize there's 14 games left. The conference season is a race to eight wins. Eight wins will lock you into Kansas City (the conference tournament) and we're halfway to our minimum goal."

Northwest doesn't face an easy task during the next 14 conference outings. Eight of the next 13 games (excluding Wednesday's home contest against Missouri Southern) are on the road, including trips to Washburn, No. 16 Emporia State, Truman State and Southwest Baptist.

Those teams have a combined 42-10 overall record. "We have a lot of confidence,"

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MHS WRESTLING

Injury-riddled squad falls in conference dual

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Maryville coach Joe Drake made a decision before Tuesday night's dual with Cameron to rest some of his wounded wrestlers.

Five wrestlers were removed from the lineup, which gave the Dragons 30 free points, meaning the Spoofhounds needed plenty of pins to pull the upset.

Though Maryville notched four pins, they could not make up for the early deficit, as Cameron won, 51-28.

"We made a tough decision to rest them for a match or two since we have the weekend off," Drake said. "We're going to try to get them all healthy so we can get it going next week. It was my decision that we were going to hold all those kids out tonight and do the best without them."

Following No. 6-ranked 112-pound Ryan Phillippe's pin and No. 4 119-pound Danner Merrill's decision victories,

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INDOOR TRACK

Runners shake off rust during first week back

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

Winter break gave many students time to relax, see family and eat well before returning to cafeteria food.

But for the Northwest indoor track team, the break gave them time to get rusty while awaiting their second meet of the season, the Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational, Friday and Saturday.

"The truth is that most of our kids didn't do a lot over break," Northwest men's coach Richard Alsop said.

One of the biggest problems facing track athletes over break was bad

weather, freshman T.R. Pursell said. Pursell finished second in the 3,000 meter in the Bearcats' first meet on Dec. 7, his first ever college race. He, unlike some of his teammates, had a chance to train during break.

"A lot of these guys are from Iowa and Missouri and from small towns," Pursell said. "When they're out there by themselves in small towns, it's hard to find someone to run with."

While the break makes things more difficult for the men's team, the infusion of football players gives them six more athletes including conference long jump champion Kendall Wright and 60-meter

dash runner-up Sheldon Cook. Cook also placed third in the long jump.

On the women's side, coach Scott Lorek isn't as worried as Alsop about the shape of his team going into this weekend. He's confident his athletes found ways to train hard over break.

Two of those athletes, Kaileea Cook and Emily Churchman, were close to qualifying for national competition in their first meet this season. Churchman won the long jump with a distance of 16-9 3/4 and placed second in the triple jump at 37-5 3/4. Cook finished sixth with a time of 7.93 seconds.

"That was a big P.R. (personal record)

for her (Churchman)," Lorek said. "I'm not surprised she's jumping so well. I'm surprised she did it in the first meet."

Though Lorek is optimistic about his team's conditioning after break, he knows they're not running as well as they will once they settle in, and his runners see it too.

"I think we have to get a little dust off our legs, and once we get into the flow of our classes and everything, things will be fine," Cook said.

Cook and her fellow track athletes will participate in the Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational starting Friday, in Lincoln, Neb.

NEWCOMERS: Transfer's making mark on top team

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Vandevender has come a long way since her first exhibition experience. During the 'Cats recent four-game conference winning streak, she's averaged 31.5 minutes per game.

"I had to get used to the physical play in D-II (Division II)," Vandevender said. "I needed to toughen up. I wasn't used to the contact. But I've gotten a lot stronger and I'm more physical."

Dill didn't have to overcome the physical aspect Division II brings. She had plenty of experience battling seasoned veterans at Coffeyville Community College and Division I University of North Florida.

Instead, the senior transfer had to overcome rust, something that accumulated over her year's hiatus from the game.

"I went the JUCO route because I wanted to go D-II," Dill said. "I was getting recruited out of JUCO and went to North Florida on a visit. I fell in love with it. The people were really nice, but the East Coast is not for me at all."

"I decided I didn't want to play at all, but I didn't want to get out of it either. I didn't know if I was burnt out, or just sick of playing there (North Florida)."

Dill packed up her basketball gear, despite starting 21 of 28 games in 2005-06 for the Ospreys, and moved to Colorado where she briefly coached for Colorado Northwestern Community College.

"I missed playing a lot," Dill said. "It's completely different

when you're not playing because you don't know how much you're going to miss it."

The head coach knew coaches in this area, and directed Dill to Northwest where she joined Vandevender as a newcomer.

"This is a tight group of girls, and I was very intimidated when I got here," Dill said. "I didn't know them, and I didn't know how they would respond."

"I felt like more of a freshman than I ever had before."

But the feeling soon wore off for both of them, as they had to learn a different coach's philosophies and how to deal with new teammates.

Steinmeyer said learning those essential aspects takes time for transfers, but their experience helps them catch on faster than incoming freshmen.

"There's freshmen, transfers and experienced players," Steinmeyer said. "Transfers catch on quicker than freshmen, but it just takes some time."

For these two transfers, it seems as if the catching on process is over, and they're ready to take a squad poised for the NCAA tournament to the next level.

"When I signed with Northwest, good people at a team you are, you won't beat Washburn or Emporia," Dill said. "I'm not saying we're the best in the conference right now, but maybe we can be on the pedestal."

"Maybe we are the team to beat, and everybody's going to play their best against you every night so when you win, it won't be a fluke."

Women's basketball notebook

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The Northwest women entered the conference season at the bottom of the MIAA. Four games later, they sit atop the MIAA.

"We were sick of losing close games," senior Andrea Dill said. "Losing four games in the pre-season is not OK, and everyone has that attitude. We're not a losing team and we're not average."

Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer said the team's attitude towards defense has changed dramatically since winter break. Steinmeyer mentioned Amber Vandevender's defensive attitude as a cornerstone to the team's new intensity.

Not only has the defense been there for the top MIAA team, but the offense is taking shape after starting slow. With the exception of last Saturday's victory against Washburn, Northwest is averaging 82 points per game over its last three contests.

Mandi Schumacher's offensive outburst has been a major reason for the recent offensive prowess. Schumacher is averaging more than 17 points per game over the previous seven contests.

Stat of the Week
16 - Washburn held a 29-19 halftime advantage, but the revamped Northwest defense held the Lady Blues to 16 second-half points. Washburn's leading scorer, Corkey Stiger, who averages 16.2 points per game, mustered no points in the second half, after tallying 11 first-half points.

Injury Report
Alicia Bell is out indefinitely with a torn ACL. Bell injured herself during the team's trip to Hawaii. Steinmeyer mentioned Schumacher as nursing knee problems, while Dill continues to struggle with back problems. Neither should miss any playing time.

Northwest tops first power rankings
Northwest is definitely the surprise of the MIAA conference season. The 'Cats haven't beaten up on bad competition, instead their 4-0 record is against teams sporting a combined conference record of 8-8. Two of those wins are against teams featuring combined records of 22-4 overall.

2. Washburn
3. Emporia State
4. Southwest Baptist
5. Truman State
6. Missouri Southern
7. Pittsburg State
8. Missouri Western
9. Fort Hays State
10. Central Missouri

Men's basketball notebook

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Injuries have once again crept back into the career of Northwest guard Andy Peterson.

Peterson ruptured a disc in his back during a non-contact drill in practice last week. Peterson didn't play last Saturday against Washburn, and isn't expected to play Saturday at No. 16 Pittsburg State. Without Peterson, the team shot 32 percent, including 16 percent from 3-point range.

Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said Peterson will be re-evaluated next week.

"We're just kind of seeing where it goes from here," Tappmeyer said.

Peterson was averaging 10.9 points, and shooting 45 percent from 3-point range before re-aggravating the injury he has had before.

CSTV Stars
Saturday's game between No. 20 Northwest and No. 16 Pittsburg State will be broadcast on CSTV.com, starting Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Northwest and Pittsburg State split four games last season, ending with the Bearcats eliminating the Gorillas in the regional opener.

The game can be found at Cstv.com/ncsa/divii.

Stat of the Week
Northwest is 3-0 against ranked teams, entering Saturday's game against No. 16 Pittsburg State.

UCM tops first power rankings
They're not ranked, but Central Missouri is off to a 3-1 MIAA start and are No. 1 in the first Northwest Missouriian MIAA power rankings. After an 11-point win over Pittsburg State in the conference opener, Central lost late to Washburn and tore through Southwest Baptist and Missouri Southern. Here's how the rest play out:

2. Southwest Baptist
3. Northwest
4. Missouri Southern
5. Pittsburg State
6. Washburn
7. Truman State
8. Emporia State
9. Missouri Western
10. Fort Hays State

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MEN'S STATISTICS

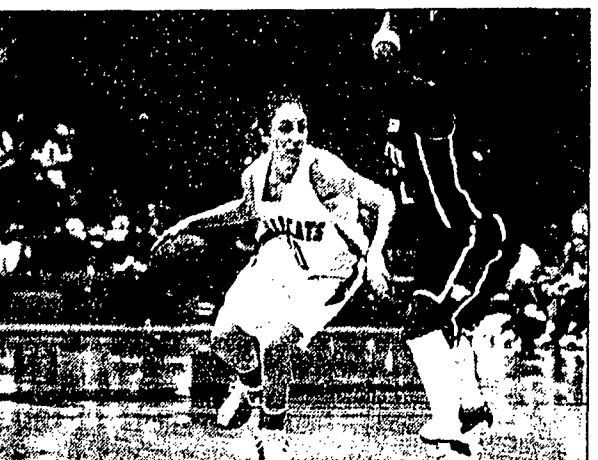
Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
74.5	59.3	
45.5	Field goal pct.	40.6
36.7	Rebounds/game	32.9
14.2	Assists/game	13.5
13.3	Three point pct.	33.1
13.4	Turnovers/game	19.7
11.2	Steals/game	6.8
7.08	Free throw pct.	70.8
2	Blocks/game	3.1

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Scoring per game	Steals per game
1. D. Townsend-ESU 20.5	1. D. Townsend-ESU 3.0
2. M. Rogers-SBU 19.8	2. L. Sullivan-NW 2.54
3. L. Johnson-MWSU 18.5	3. L. Johnson-MWSU 2.46
12. H. Henry-NW 13.5	
15. L. Sullivan-NW 12.4	

Rebounds per game	Assists per game
1. C. Abercrombie-TSU 9.8	1. D. Townsend-ESU 6.0
2. M. Rogers-SBU 8.2	2. M. Scott-WU 4.3
3. P. Fandja-TSU 8.1	3. B. Burgett-SBU 4.31
11. H. Henry-NW 6.5	

FG percentage	3-pt percentage
1. C. Abercrombie-TSU .629	1. D. Harris-SBU .547
2. V. Ateba-MSSU .598	2. M. Scott-WU .509
3. M. Rogers-SBU .564	3. J. Grabowski-SBU .466
4. H. Henry-NW .561	4. A. Peterson-NW .455



NORTHWEST GUARD AMBER Vandevender drives to the basket during the 50-45 victory against Washburn. The Bearcats currently sit atop the MIAA with a 4-0 record.

WOMEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
74.2	66	
40.5	Field goal pct.	41.1
39.7	Rebounds/game	38.2
15.6	Assists/game	13.3
28.9	Three point pct.	30.7
14.8	Turnovers/game	20.3
10.4	Steals/game	6.8
6.90	Free throw pct.	74.3
2.8	Blocks/game	2.4

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Scoring per game	Steals per game
1. M. Stueve-ESU 22.1	1. C. Woods-MWSU 2.92
2. G. Mueller-TSU 21.8	2. R. Graves-SBU 2.54
3. E. Souza-SBU 20.1	3. E. Souza-SBU 2.38
10. Schumacher-NW 13.6	8. K. Nelson-NW 1.92
18. A. Dill-NW 11.0	

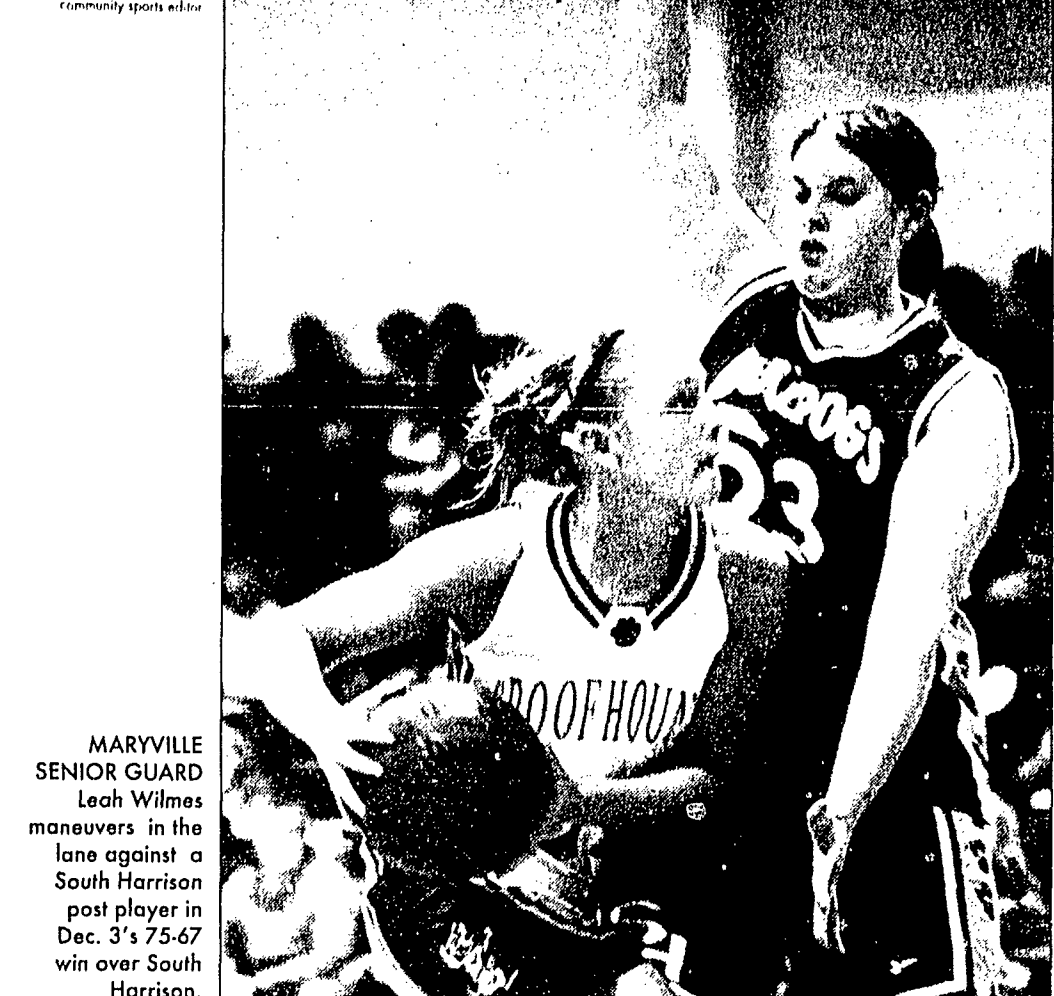
Rebounds per game	Assists per game
1. J. Jones-UCM 10.6	1. E. Souza-SBU 4.77
2. G. Mueller-TSU 9.3	2. L. Corker-ESU 4.54
3. M. Stueve-ESU 9.2	3. L. Wood-MSSU 4.38
8. M. Schumacher-NW 7.1	

FG percentage	3-pt percentage
1. Hala/Api-MSSU .607	1. C. Boston-ESU .462
2. M. Schumacher-NW .607	2. M. Stueve-ESU .435
3. G. Mueller-TSU .558	3. A. Leiker-ESU .435
	4. K. Nelson-NW .368

SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

photos by amy robbins
community sports editor



MARYVILLE SENIOR GUARD Leah Wilmes maneuvers in the lane against a South Harrison post player in Dec. 3's 75-67 win over South Harrison.

Ranked powerhouses lie ahead for surprising girls' squad

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

For a team that has spent the better part of three years on the wrong side of the win column, this season's start cannot be easy for the Spoofhounds to believe.

The Maryville girls' basketball team won exactly eight games in the past two years.

In the second week of January, the 'Hounds have already eclipsed that total.

Coach Grant Hageman said at the season's outset that his team (9-2) would surpass the previous two years' win totals this season, but the 'Hounds made good on the claim in early January, he is seeing them mature at a rapid pace.

"We're playing at a harder level and it was last year (when) we started all this, and it carried over into summer," Hageman said. "That's where I think we're seeing the most benefits. Last January and February, we told those girls, if you practice as hard as you can now, it'll pay off down the road, and it's starting to."

Over winter break, Hageman saw his team's growth translate into results, as the 'Hounds notched their biggest regular-season win in three years by winning the LeBlond LeBlond Holiday Tournament on Dec. 29.

Maryville made quick work of its first two opponents by throttling East Buchanan 62-31 and defeating conference foe, Cameron 43-30. In the title game, LeBlond used a 10-0 scoring run to turn a two-point halftime lead into a comfortable 12-point margin. The lead evaporated quickly with the 'Hounds coming on a 19-1 run with the final seven points coming on one possession.

A technical foul combined with two Leah Wilmes free throws and a Meridee Scott 3-pointer gave the visitors a lead they wouldn't relinquish, as they claimed the title, 56-47. Sophomore Emily Kisker had a game-high 15 points en route to being named tournament MVP.

Spoofhound notebook

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Girls on pace to triple last year's win total
The Maryville girls' basketball team is not used to having starts to write home about.

After starting 2-18 last season, the Spoofhounds stand at 9-2 and have a tournament victory to their credit.

Their victory over LeBlond in the holiday tournament was their first tournament win since 2004, when the 'Hounds won the Nidayway County Tournament.

En route to that win, Maryville rolled past East Buchanan and Cameron. In doubling its opponents' score (62-31), 13 Maryville players scored points. Against Cameron (63-30), Tracy Jensen led with 12, while tourney-MVP Emily Kisker had 10.

Cameron fell to Maryville 70-45 in the opening round of the Savannah tournament. Four players (Meridee Scott, Megan Walker, Genesee Stoll and Kisker) scored in double figures.

Vital post player
The 'Hounds started 6-0, but lost two of their next four games with Jensen out from a concussion she suffered in practice following the LeBlond tournament. The sophomore is among the top players in the 'Hounds' 10-deep rotation and is cleared to play Friday against North Platte.

Up next
No. 2 (Class 2) North Platte: freshmen, JV, varsity, 5 p.m., Friday, at home.
No. 4 (Class 4) Platte County: JV, varsity, 5 p.m., next Thursday, home.

Wrestlers ailing as tough dual looms
Before the Cameron meet, the team pounded empty spots in its lineup due to injuries, an even more imposing opponent lies ahead.

Coach Joe Drake said he intends to rest the injured wrestlers in today's dual with defending state-champion Platte County. Meaning Dakota Merrill (140 pounds), Zach Sheiber (130 pounds) and three other varsity performers will be sidelined until next week.

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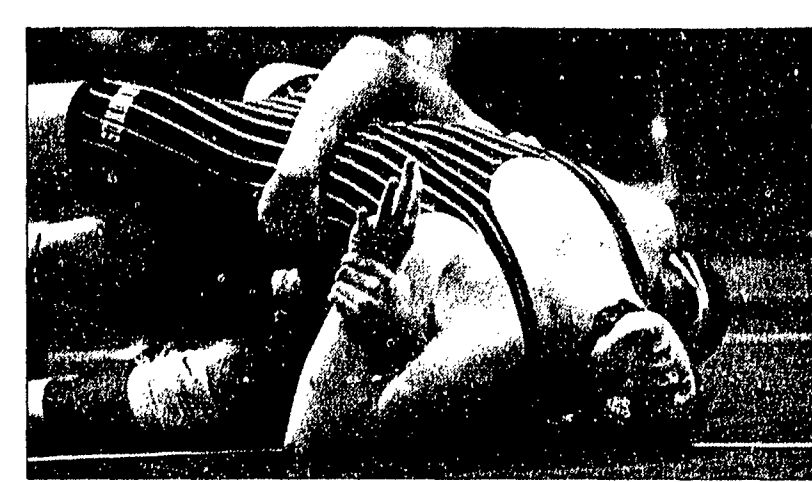
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MARYVILLE'S 215-POUND wrestler, Tyler Hayse faces Kyle Thompson in Tuesday night's dual against Cameron, which the Spoofhounds lost 51-28.

DUAL: Injuries mount

Continued from B1

the 'Hounds assumed a 10-6 lead. But, two forfeits followed, putting the 'Hounds into an early hole.

No. 4, 135-pound sophomore Derek DuMott scored a pin, cutting the deficit to two, but that was as close as the gap would get with two more forfeits making the deficit too large to overcome.

Even with the five absent grapplers, Drake was impressed with the effort and did not think the dual was lost from the outset.

"We weren't conceding it," Drake said. "We never ever told the kids that this was a 'gimmie.' The kids that went out there were aggressive, and they were trying to score the pins. They knew they had to that for us to stay close, and we kind of did that."

Tanner Archer also scored a first-period pin at 160 pounds, which set up the 171-pound battle, which proved to be the best of the night.

Sophomore Evan Johnson, who has strained cartilage in his rib, faced off against Cameron's Patrick Redding. Johnson found grappling with his injury troublesome in the first period, but was able to execute a takedown in the second, which gave him a 5-3 lead going into the third.

Redding then dominated the final period, scoring a takedown to tie the match, but could not pin the resilient Spoofhound. In overtime, however, Johnson couldn't overcome the pain and lost via takedown in sudden death.

Drake said, despite the injury, he thought Johnson had a chance to win. "We were saying, out of all of

them, he might be able to pull his (mat) off in spite of the injury," he said. "Early in the match, it looked like he was going to, and then, he aggravated it (his injury) about halfway through the match."

"Evan's one of those young men that I never have any doubt that he's going to give me his all no matter what the situation. What he did was I think expected from me because I knew he would not give up."

Johnson's injury has a good chance to heal by next week, but 130-pound Zach Sheiber (back) and 140-pound Dakota Merrill (elbow) may have season-long battles with their ailments, Drake said.

Drake said he plans to rest his injured wrestlers today against Platte County, who won the state championship last year.

Archer believes the move will allow the team to have those performers healthy for more winnable matches down the road.

"It's going to help us," Archer said. "Platte County's a really tough team, they're probably the best in the conference. I don't see anything wrong with trying to get us healthy again."

This loss brings the 'Hounds to 3-1 on the season and all but assures them of finishing behind Cameron and Platte County in the MEC.

"We know that takes us out of finishing second in the conference for sure," Drake said. "If (holding out those wrestlers) makes our chances a lot tougher, but we're going to give them a chance to recuperate, and hopefully, we can do well the rest of the season. Our motto is: live to fight another day."

ROYALS CARAVAN



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NWMSU, MHS Athletes of the Week
Sullivan Brue Walker Merrill
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The sophomore guard from Columbus, Ohio averaged 16 points in two games against Missouri Western and Washburn.
The junior guard from Underwood, Iowa averaged 12.5 points in two games against Missouri Western and Washburn.
The junior post player scored a game-high 20 points in Maryville's 72-35 victory over Mid-Buchanan, Jan. 11.
The sophomore 119-pound wrestler placed first at the Plattsburg Tournament Jan. 12 and won his match at the Cameron dual Tuesday night.
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Truth matters less than perception in steroids issue

The problem: no one knows for sure. They guess. They speculate. Is he bigger? Are his arms bigger? How's he still playing at his age? People ask these questions and answer for themselves just as quickly.

The public doesn't need evidence to form its opinion. In the court of public opinion, you're guilty until proven innocent.

That's why watching Roger Clemens adamantly defend himself makes me a little sad. The man who's so poised on the mound losing it while being asked to defend himself to millions, makes me



Marcus Meade
Aut. Sports Editor

wonder why he has to. The answer is, of course, that we've found him guilty. As jurors in the court of public opinion, we've found Clemens guilty of deception and fraud, and we're sentencing him to a lifetime of defending himself in an indefensible position.

For all the questions that Mike Wallace asked Clemens in his "60 Minutes" interview, he may as well have just said, "Roger, everyone believes you're guilty. Prove us wrong."

Now, don't get me wrong. I don't

know if he's innocent or not. Only Clemens knows if he used performance-enhancing drugs. I do know that the case against him wouldn't stand up in court with crutches, cortisone and steroids of its own. It's Clemens' word against Brian McNamee's, a criminal. That's about as air tight as a Pac-Man Jones alibi.

And even though we've told Clemens to prove to us he's innocent, we won't let him. We won't believe a word that comes out of his mouth. Of course, he's going to say he's innocent, people think that's exactly what a guilty person would say.

More than ruining the reputation of maybe the greatest pitcher of all time, this trend of condemning the possibly

innocent is the most slippery slope imaginable. It's going to keep one of the greatest pitchers of all time and one of the greatest hitters of all time, Barry Bonds, under the same permanent cloud of cheaters.

Yes, they will be lumped together. The only difference is that we want Clemens to clear his name somehow. We won't listen to him, but if he — by some miracle — could produce hard evidence of his innocence, we would pardon him. Bonds is beyond redemption.

Is any of this fair? Absolutely not. But the court of public opinion doesn't care about fair. We've set the sentence, and now Clemens needs a miracle before we drop the gavel on him, sealing his fate.

POWER RANKINGS

MEC Boys

- Team**
1. Benton
 2. Lafayette
 3. Smithville
 4. Platte County
 5. Camron
 6. Maryville
 7. Chillicothe
 8. Savannah
- Arizona State-bound senior Johnny Coy powers the 9-2 Cardinals. Senior Andrew Jones trails only Coy in league scoring (21.6 ppg). Pounded Chillicothe last week 73-54 in first conference test. Played Class 5 teams Park Hill and Rockhurst close. 3-7 Spoofhounds still have yet to find rhythm. Hornets (3-8) off to poor MEC start with losses to Pirates and Dragons. Savages (3-8) get bottom spot due to 55-53 OT loss to Hornets.



MEC Girls

- Team**
1. Platte County
 2. Benton
 3. Savannah
 4. Maryville
 5. Chillicothe
 6. Smithville
 7. Camron
 8. Lafayette
- Unbeaten Pirates soaring toward collision with state champ Defending Class 4 Champions trying to keep pace with Pirates. 11-2 Savages are coming off a victory in the Savannah tournament. High-scoring Hornets close to doubling last year's win total. Took Kearney tourney's consolation game over Lafayette. Gave Benton a scare last week, losing only 39-37. Took 70-45 beating at the hands of Maryville's run-and-gun attack. Poor Irish took brutal beating, 82-3, against North Kansas City.



SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

* We at the Northwest Missourian do not acknowledge the NBA as an actual sports organization. Therefore, no NBA picks.

- Scott's picks**
Prediction Record (0-0)
NCAA Lock
Ohio State at Tennessee — Tennessee
No Greg Oden to save the Buckeyes from Bruce Pearl's relentless defense. Chris Lofton is finally chasing his 10th year of eligibility, but before he leaves, he strikes down the Buckeyes.
- NCAA Lock**
Iowa at Michigan — Iowa
I hate the Hawkeyes, but I have an uncanny ability to tell when their ready to string at least a couple wins together. And it doesn't hurt that Michigan is atrocious.
- NFL Upset Alert**
Tennessee at Kentucky — Kentucky
Tennessee is making a recurring appearance on the picks list this week, and finally we have them. The Wildcats are not good, but the Vols always have a couple slip-ups on the road.
- NFL Upset Alert**
Utah at New Mexico — New Mexico
Nobody wins at the PFL. Utah is still reeling after former coach Rick Majors' dead-end Sportscenter headlines, when his team set a new record for least points scored in a game.
- Brett's picks**
Prediction Record (0-0)
NCAA Lock
Vanderbilt at Tennessee — Tennessee
No, we won't see Bruce Pearl jump into the stands with his shirt off, painted in orange, but Chris Lofton and the Vols power past the Commodores.
- NCAA Lock**
Arizona State at California — ASU
The Sun Devils are allowing 59 points per game, and will run their win streak to 10 games. The Sun Devils' offense is playing at a high level right now.
- NCAA Upset Alert**
Clemson at Duke — Clemson
The Dukes are winning comfortably, and are primed to be upset. Clemson isn't dazzling the NCAA right now, but you never know what can happen in the ACC.
- NCAA Upset Alert**
Texas A&M at Kansas State — K-State
The Wildcats are flying under the radar. If the team can figure out how to pass it into Booley, they could walk away with an upset. K-State is a young team, and could surprise the Big 12 this season.

- Sam's picks**
Prediction Record (0-0)
NCAA Lock
Notre Dame at Georgetown — Georgetown
Pat Ewing Jr., Roy Hibbert are far too much for Notre Dame, who, as of this moment, has no players that I know. Give me time, I'm still in hard core NFL mode.
- NCAA Lock**
Illinois at Purdue — Purdue
Boilers should win a scintillating 53-51 shootout. You just can't beat Big 10 basketball.
- NCAA Upset**
Villanova at Syracuse — "Cuse
Carmelo Anthony's not walkin' through that door. Gerry McNamara's not walkin' through that door. But the Orange usually beat 'Nova in the Carrier Dome, which'll have over 25,000 strong ready to watch Paul Harris and Co. take down the Wildcats.
- NCAA Upset Alert**
Marquette at UConn — UConn
If gambling were legal, I would strongly advise you to bet on the Huskies. I'm almost certain this is going to happen. UConn only lost to the Hoyas by three in Washington, so I think they can handle Big East import Marquette.
- Marc's picks**
Prediction Record (0-0)
NCAA Lock
Kansas at Missouri — Kansas
Kansas is probably the best team in the country. Missouri is probably the best team in Columbia ... maybe. The Jayhawks are so talented they will beat Missouri at their own high-tempo game.
- NCAA Lock**
Texas at Oklahoma State — Texas
The loss to Missouri is worth at least a few wins in a row. D.J. Augustin is the star, and experience allows them to bounce back quickly. Kevin Durant may be gone, but the Longhorns can still get it done with teamwork.
- NCAA Upset Alert**
Miami at Miami — Miami
Miami is making people pay attention to them. Yes, the Tarheels rule. Yes, right now they're undefeated, but what are the odds that lasts?
- NCAA Upset Alert**
Mississippi at Auburn — Auburn
I don't know anything about either of these teams, but Auburn can't be much less athletic than Mississippi. I considered picking the Brown vs. Yale game, but Yale is so stinky, and Brown doesn't have that one guy they can count on.

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WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks
Friday
■ **Seinfeld**, 4:30 p.m. TBS — Another classic episode of Seinfeld as "the race" episode airs. Jerry must defend his title as the fastest runner in his high school and keep his girlfriend Lois (Superman references are plenty in this episode) happy. Not to be outdone, Kramer entertains the idea of becoming a communist.

Days rating (2 of 5) **4.4**

Saturday
■ **Texas A&M** at Kansas State, 2:00 p.m. ESPN — Let's see if the young Wildcats are ready to take the next step.

Days rating (3 of 5) **4.4**

Sunday
■ **San Diego** at New England, 2 p.m. CBS — I'm pretty sure New England is going to trounce San Diego, but maybe I'm wrong. I've been told that I've been wrong before, but I doubt it on this one.

Days rating (5 of 5) **4.4**

Marc's TV Picks
Friday
■ **Countdown** to Jones-Trinidad, 10:30 p.m. HBO — It's a battle of the over-the-hill fighters. That said it should be a good fight. Jones was an amazing middleweight, and Trinidad would have ruled that division if not for Bernard Hopkins.

Days rating (2 of 5) **4.4**

Saturday
■ **Kansas** at Missouri, 7 p.m. ESPN — Wow, I can't believe none of my colleagues picked this game. It will be tough to watch. People will have to go to Kansas, but drink some beer, have some wings and make a day of it.

Days rating (5 of 5) **4.4**

Sunday
■ **Die Hard**, 10:30 p.m. HBO2 East — John McClane's going to rid the world of German terrorists played with perfection by Allen Rickman. Yippee Kiyah.

Days rating (5 of 5) **4.4**

Sam's TV Picks
Friday
■ **Scrubs**, 2:30, Comedy Central — "My Big Brother," J.D.'s older brother (the guy from the ill-fated series Love Monkey) visits and stirs up trouble.

Days rating (1 of 5) **4.4**

Saturday
■ **No. 21 Villanova** at Syracuse 11 a.m. ESPN — Watch a re-tooled version of the Orangemen attempt to stifle their longtime rival from Philly. Probably will wake up in the second half, which is fine for a basketball game.

Days rating (4 of 5) **4.4**

Sunday
■ **NY Giants** at Green Bay, NFC Championship, 5:30 p.m. FOX — The NFL's two hottest teams will decide who will lose to the Pats in two weeks. Maryville's team of Giants fans (two guys I know) will hope Eli can pull a Mike Vick (beating Favre at Lambeau, not killing dogs) and derail America's preferred Super Bowl. A week of Brady-favre hype will be too much to handle.

Days rating (5 of 5) **4.4**

Brett's TV Picks
Friday
■ **Monk**, USA, 8 p.m. — Monk goes to a bank, and I'm sure he gets into some crazy shenanigans.

Days rating (2 of 5) **4.4**

Saturday
■ **Cops**, FOX 8 p.m. — Watch the men and women of law take down criminals, and make our world safe for democracy.

Days rating (2 of 5) **4.4**

Sunday
■ **FOX NFL** pregame show, 5 p.m. FOX — Watch and listen to insightful commentary from a bunch of washed up players and coaches as they countdown to the NFC Championship.

Days rating (2 of 5) **4.4**

AT YOUR LEISURE

TOP PICKS

Top 5 picks for this week

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

■ **"27 Dresses,"** a romantic comedy starring Katherine Heigl and James Marsden hits theaters everywhere on Friday, Jan. 18.

After helping friends and family members as a trusted bridesmaid 27 times, a young woman (Heigl) struggles with the idea of standing by her sister's side as her sibling marries the man she's secretly in love with.

■ **"Mad Money,"** a comedy starring Diane Keaton, Katie Holmes and Queen Latifah, also comes to theaters on Friday, Jan. 18.

The film ties comedy and crime as three female employees of the Federal Reserve devise a plan to steal money that is about to be destroyed.

■ **The Spice Girls** are back with a deluxe-edition greatest hit CD that became available on Jan. 15.

The album, which consists of 15 songs, also includes a 13-song DVD for only \$25.99 at FYE. Hits such as "Wannabe" and "Spice Up Your Life" are the best-known girl power anthems on the two-disc album and are sure to provide the entertainment for any girl's night dance parties.

■ **"Good Luck Chuck,"** a romantic comedy starring comedian Dane Cook and "It girl" Jessica Alba was released on DVD on Tuesday, Jan. 15. In the film, Charlie Logan (Cook) has to break a curse that seems to follow him throughout his adulthood.

It seems as though every woman that Charlie comes in contact with finds her true love — after being with Charlie. The curse must be broken if Charlie wants to keep his dream girl from falling for someone other than him.

■ **"Mr. Woodcock,"** a comedy starring Billy Bob Thornton and Seann William Scott was also released on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

John Farley (Scott) had a horrible high school career thanks to his teacher, Mr. Woodcock (Thornton). After hearing the news of his mother's wedding announcement to the dreadful teacher, Farley returns home to try and put an end to the engagement.

■ Visit nwmissourianews.com to leave your comments about this week's top picks, share other new releases and let us know about any upcoming entertainment news you'd like to see in The Vibe next week.

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STROLLER

Your Man studies the gap

Sitting on my couch in my underwear watching reruns of "Dog the Bounty Hunter" gave me plenty of time to think over winter break.



The Stroller

While the inner workings of my mind generally aren't reserved for ideas that venture outside the strip club, over the last month, I formed a sociological analysis of people of our age as compared to our fathers and grandfathers, mothers and grandmothers, and uncles with a come hither gleam in their eyes.

I'm talking about the generation gap, the difference between us and them. And what I've found is that we are, for lack of a better term, Generation Lazy.

We want the easy retired life because we've bought into the new and improved version of the American dream that doesn't involve hard work or sacrifice.

Because of our lazy "eventually my band will make it" mentality, we have failed to contribute to society like the generations before us.

Where our grandparents wanted to work hard for their money, we want to fall back backwards into it. Where they would take a million dollars and start a business, we would retire, wear our pants up to our chins and drive 25 mph in a 35 mph zone.

For the purpose of this study, I examined people by generation starting with the Greatest Generation of World War II, moving through the Flower Children, the Yuppie Children, Generation X and, finally, Generation Lazy.

In case you haven't noticed, and if you're someone who's actually willing to read, you probably haven't, we are exponentially lazier than our parents and grandparents. If given the chance, we would retire right now, move to Florida and get down with old Jewish women who turn us

on by gumming down fruit cups (love is the feeling of gums on your ... sorry flashback to last year's spring break).

At our age, the Greatest Generation was ridding the world of fascism, saving millions of Jews from annihilation and making Hitler kiss their ass. That's a lot to live up to, but maybe we could start small by riding the world of Paul Walker movies and soccer... definitely a step forward.

The Flower Children gave us advancements in hallucinogenic drugs, free love and hygiene ... namely the not bathing technique and pelvic grooming (for an example see the sex scene in "A History of Violence"). Luckily, pioneers like Britney Spears and Paris Hilton carried on the brave work.

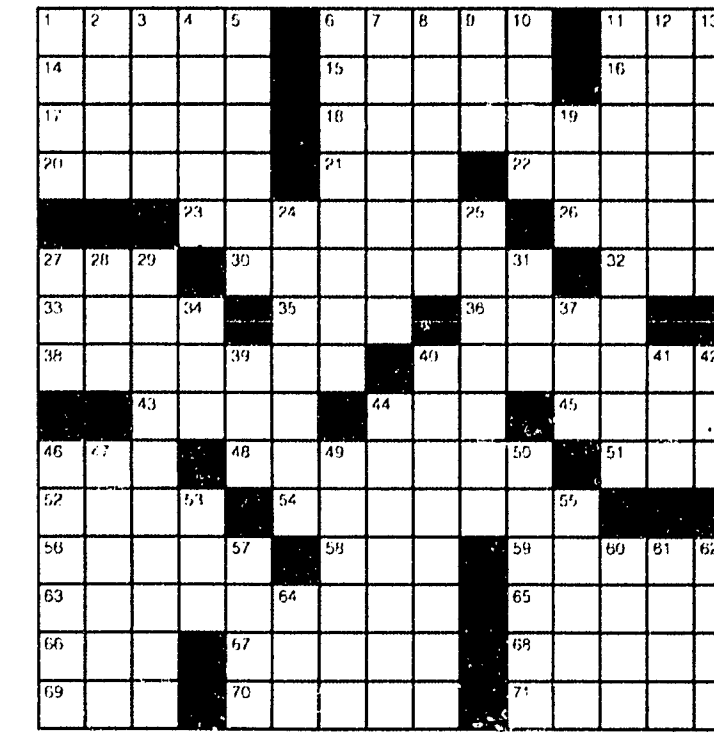
The Yuppies gave us greed. Generation X gave us anger, flannel and Starbucks. Now, it's our turn to contribute. We don't want our legacy to be retire young and live happy, do we? If we've learned anything from the generations before us it's that to be happy you should work hard, get stoned and stop bathing.

Basically the key to happiness is misery, and don't you forget it.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Crossword

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 - 52 Bloody
 - 54 Sailed for pleasure
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 - 58 As well
 - 59 Less
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44 Tally check
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55 Funeral piece
57 Luxurious
60 Granny
61 Exploiter
62 Puts in a hem
64 Lion's name?

YEAR IN REVIEW

Staffer remembers year's past best entertainment

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

There are very few things that I enjoy more than the party hats and music countdowns that come along with the new year, but hearing the "best of" lists for the past year is lucky enough to make the cut.

It's great to look back and reminisce on the movies and albums that graced the No. 1 position at some point in the year. So sit back, relax and get ready to look back on the top three of 2007 movies and music.

Top Movies:
"Spider-Man 3" The third in a series made from the popular comic book was released in May 2007 and brought in a grand total of \$336,530,303 making it the top box office hit of the year.

In the flick, we see Peter Parker (Toby Maguire) deal with revenge against past acquaintances, temptations and even new villains, after a strange black creature bonds with him and causes problems within him.

"Shrek the Third" Another third in a series of popular films, this animated flick from DreamWorks Animation captured the hearts of children and adults alike.

Released in May 2007, Shrek and friends became an instant summer sensation, roping in a grand total of \$321,012,359 at the box office. In the film, the loveable ogre faces many challenges when he is looked to as the heir to the land of Far, Far Away, after King Harold becomes ill.

Through it all, Shrek and his gang stay together, providing many laughs for both the adult

crowd and younger generations.

"Transformers" The sci-fi action film hit theaters in July 2007, during summer prime-time. Accumulating \$319,071,806 at box office, "Transformers" made young stars Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox household names.

The movie revolves around a war that re-erupts on Earth between the Autobots and Decepticons, two robotic clans, leaving the fate of mankind in jeopardy.

Top Albums on iTunes:
1. Maroon 5 — "It Won't Be Soon Before Long"

Released in May 2007, the band started off strong with the single "Makes Me Wonder," followed by equally impressive tracks "Wake Up Call" and "Won't Go Home Without You," proving that although it took a few years, the guys came back

strong with their sophomore album.

2. Amy Winehouse — "Back In Black"

Sure, she's been in a little bit of trouble lately, but Amy Winehouse knows what her fans want. With her sophomore album, released in March 2007, Winehouse delivers singles such as "Rehab" (oh, the irony) and rises straight to the top of the charts.

Her unique sound and edgy look have brought a lot to pop music, and with her rising fan base she is sure to stick around for another album — if we're lucky.

3. Kanye West — "Graduation"

Although I'm not necessarily a fan of rap music, I am a fan of Kanye's third album.

"Graduation," which was released in September 2007, is full of catchy songs such as his hit single, "Stronger."

His production styles are another reason I agree that this album deserves to be on the top of the "best of" list for 2007. West definitely proves that real talent is still in the music industry.

Check out nwmissourianews.com to let us know how you feel about the Best of 2007, and what you would have liked to see make the list.

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MISSOURI HOMESCHOOLING LAWS

A. Students must complete 1,000 hours each year, which is about 143 7-hour days.

B. 600 of those hours must cover adequate and equal time in math, science, reading, language arts, and social studies.

C. A daily log must be updated and maintained on record. Samples of the students work must also be kept on record.

Info from the MISSOURI SCHOOL LEAVE ASSOCIATION
HOLDSBORG



By Whitney Keyes
Features Editor

Circled around the board for Horseopoly, the Dirks children groan about having to pay their youngest sister, 5-year-old Evangeline. Dressed in a green and pink striped dress and leggings, she grins, crinkles her nose with a giggle and climbs on top of her dad to collect her bright paper money.

Taking a pause from the game, the second oldest, 9-year-old Seth, claims his friends think it's cool that he's homeschooled.

"They're all like, 'Lucky!'" he says, as his siblings, J.C., 12, Anna, 7, and Evangeline nod in agreement.

After a brief pause, he makes another declaration.

"Of course, we are really lucky!"

His parents, J.D. and Jenny watch their children laugh and play together, proud of the bond their family shares.

All four of the Dirks children are homeschooled, and have been since the beginning of their schooling. J.C. is in sixth grade, Seth is in fourth, Anna is in third and Evangeline has just started in kindergarten. J.D. works at Boyles Motors Inc and is also the senior pastor of Calvary Chapel Church, while Jenny stays home to supervise, plan lessons, correct papers.

I definitely love it. I wouldn't have it any other way, Jenny said. "It's such a blessing to be with them all day."

However, the Dirks didn't always want to homeschool their children. Though the option was always there, the couple was leaning more toward private school. Even though they were in constant prayer about how they should school their children, they had enrolled J.C. in Omaha Christian Academy for preschool. They had already paid the tuition when Jenny realized through prayer she wanted to homeschool her children.

"When the Lord speaks to your heart, it's just like, OK," Jenny said. "The hard part was wondering if I was doing it right. Dealing with the unknown, walking in my faith, being unsure of my own capabilities."

After getting the tuition back, researching every last detail and planning curriculum, they were ready. Ready to teach and ready to learn.

Now, eight years later, she has it down to a routine. She and the children follow a four day school week, and dedicate Friday to "liberal arts" when they practice their music and have art lessons. When the weather is nice, they take nature walks or play games outside.

She and the kids wake up at 7 a.m., do chores and get ready for the day.

Breakfast with the whole family is at 8 a.m. First on the agenda is Bible study and worship. Then, the morning is spent on spelling, phonics, math, writing and reading.

J.D. comes home from work to join the family for lunch at 1 p.m. The afternoons are dedicated to history and science. Three times a week they study history, and twice a week is science.

"I do have to be organized, but it all comes gradually. You make patterns," Jenny said.

Currently, all the kids are studying zoology, from the same book.

"They're so good at helping each other. It really helps them develop teaching skills and patience," Jenny said. "It really heightens their level of understanding. They play it, or act it out; it's just a part of life."

The school day ends at 3 or 4 p.m. and the rest of the night is devoted to family time. After dinner, the family likes to play board games or go for bike rides.

Jenny, one of seven children, recalls not seeing much of her family when she was younger, due to their busy schedules. Now that she's a mom, she didn't want that for her family.

"I just want to be with them," she said. "I want to know what they are about, know about their lives."

The family spends time together outside of school as well. J.C. plays the guitar, Seth plays the drums and Anna plays the piano, so the three often play together for worship. All four of the children play soccer in the spring and fall. Jenny's even the coach for her daughters' teams. The family is also involved in the church softball teams, and both J.D. and Jenny coach for their children's softball teams.

"They have so many friends through their sports and activities. They never felt like they didn't have friends," Jenny said.

Through their activities, they have made public school friends, but all four are in agreement that they would never want it any other way. Neither does Jenny, their loyal teacher and mother. Yet, at the same time, she knows she can't force them to stay home. She and J.D. have offered the chance for the children to be public schooled, but the kids have turned it down.

Though she hasn't done the research yet, she knows there is a possibility the children could partake in public high school extracurricular activities. It's an option the family is considering, but as for now, they'll stay at home.

"You only raise your kids one time," Jenny said. "People take for granted that chance to help shape them, mold them."



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